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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 3064

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: LE, IS, PINT, MARR

SUBJ: COMPOSITION OF LEBANESE HONOR GUARD

REF: BEIRUT 3037

1. ON JUNE 2 EMBOFF HAD DISCUSSION WITH MAJOR ADNAN BECHARRA, COMMANDER OF ONE OF THE TWO NEW MIXED DEFENSE BATTALIONS NOW STATIONED AT YARZE. BECHARRA NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CHARGE OF THE HONOR GUARD WHICH SAW PRESIDENT SARKIS OFF TO LATAKIA AT BEIRUT AIRPORT ON MAY 31. BECHARRA SAID THAT THE HONOR GQARD HAD BEEN ABOUT ONE-HALF MUSLIM AND ONE-HALF CHRISTIAN AND BEEN DRAWN FROM THE YARZE DEFENSE BATTALIONS.

2. COMMENT: SAMIR SABBAGH HAD ALLEGED ON JUNE 1 THAT THE HONOR GUARD WAS EXCLUSIVELY CHRISTIAN. WE HAVE NO REASON TO DISBELIEVE BECHARRA, WHO IS A SUNNI MUSLIM, AND SABBAGH'S ACCUSATION APPEARS TO BE SIMPLY UNTRUE. LANE
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